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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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Application Number	10/058,263
Filing Date	January 25, 2002
First Named Inventor	Milad F. Tabet
Art Unit	2877
Examiner Name	Roy M. Punnoose
Attorney Docket No.	NAN028 US

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114

- a. Previously submitted
- i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on _____ (any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
 - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - iii. Other _____
- b. Enclosed
- i. Preliminary Amendment (5 pgs. with 1 Replacement Sheet) iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) with 1 Ref.
 - ii. Affadavit(s)/Declaration(s) iv. Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

- a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b. Other _____

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- 3. Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
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- a. RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) for small entity
- i. Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
 - ii. Other _____
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows.

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